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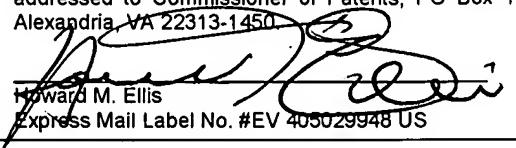
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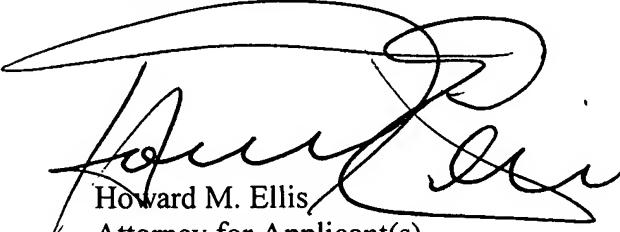
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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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	1	5,079,172	01/07/1992	Hari et al.	436	518	11/04/1988
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3	DE 299 06 382 U1	09/30/1999	Germany			✓	
4	EP 0 317 001 B1	02/03/1993	Europe			✓	
5	DE 38 78 167 t2	05/27/1993	Germany			✓	
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